Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, In 1874, Major General George Armstrong Custer led an expedition into the Black Hills during which gold was discovered in French Creek. In 1876, Hill City was first settled by miners who referred to the area as Hillyo. This was the second American Settlement in the Black Hills; and,

Whereas, Hill City is the oldest existing city in Pennington County, South Dakota, and is known as the "Heart of the Hills" which is derived from its close proximity to both the geographical center of the Black Hills and the local tourist destinations; and,

Whereas, The city has its roots in the Black Hills mining rush of the late 19th century. Tin mining was dominate in the 1880s and led this almost reverted ghost town back to an influx of capital and people; and,

Whereas, The Hill City school team name thus became the Hill City Rangers and was privileged as the only school district in the United States allowed to use Smokey Bear as its official mascot; and,

Whereas, In recent years, the city has diversified to become a center for the arts in the area featuring several art studios and festivals; and,

Whereas, Now, state government is going on the road to the people of Hill City in a unique program called "Capital for a Day"; and,

Whereas, "Capital for a Day" is designed to provide a local forum whereby an exchange of ideas, information, and concerns among the governor, cabinet officials, representatives for the private business sector, local elected officials, special interest groups, and the general public can occur:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 1, 2012, as

HILL CITY "CAPITAL FOR A DAY"

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Tenth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Gant

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State